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SUBJ: JOINT AG/COMMITTEE MEETING

1. THE JOINT AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MET FEBRUARY 3-5, 1975, AND AFTER DISCUSSING MANY AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, SIGNED THE ATTACHED MEMOMARDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE UNDERSTANDING WERE:

A. THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A LARGE AGRICULTURAL AREA IN IRAN WHICH WILL MATERIALLY ASSIST IRAN'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE FOR THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION AS WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH MODERN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY.

B. CONSTRUCTION OF A PORT FOR AGRICULTUREAL COMMODITIES WHICH WOULD SERVE ALSO AS A REGIONAL CENTER FOR STORAGE, FEED PRODUCTION, AND BROILER AND EGG PRODUCTION.

C. IRAN STRONGLY PUSHED FOR A GUARANTEED LONG-TERM FOOD AND FEED SUPPLY. WE DID AGREE ON LANGUAGE TO ENCOURAGE LONG-TERM CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE EXPORTERS AND ALSO ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP AS VEHICLE FOR BETTER EXCHANGE OF TRADE INFORMATION.

D. CONSIDERABLE INTEREST EXPRESSED IN IRAN INVESTING IN THE UNITED

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STATES, AND JOINT IRANIAN/US INVESTMENTS IN IRAN AND IN THIRD

COUNTRIES.

E. IT WAS AGREED TO EXTEND AND THE PRESENT LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MINISTRY AND USDA. MANY AREAS OF INTEREST IN RESEARCH, TRAINING AND AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS WERE IDENTIFIED AND BOTH PARTIES AGREED TO MOVE RAPIDLY ON IMPLEMENTING THESE. AS A PARALLEL EFFORT, THE JOINT COMMITTEE WORKED OUT THE DETAILS OF NEW ACTIVITIES UNDER THE LOU. THESE WILL BE SENT IN A LATER DISPATCH. WE ARE HOPEFUL OF NEGOTIATING THE EXPANDED LOU IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE IRANIAN NEW YEAR.

F. GROUNDWORK WAS ALSO LAID FOR EXTENDED COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

THE JOINT AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE OF THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, HEADED BY HIS EXCELLENCY HOSSEIN SEPEHRI, DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF IRAN, AND DR QUENTIN M WEST, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, MET IN TEHRAN FROM 3-4 FEBRUARY 1975.

CONFIRMING THEIR INTEREST IN SUPPORTING AND FACILITATING THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES TO THEIR MUTUAL ADVANTAGE.

RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH COOPERATION AND DESIRING TO CREATE THE MOST APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS FOR ITS DEVELOPMENT, DECIDED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS TO THE IRAN-UNITED STATES JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL.

1- BOTH PARTIES AGREED TO MAKE IRAN A REGIONAL CENTER FOR FOOD PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION AND ALSO AS A REGIONAL CENTER FOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY. IN THIS CONNECTION, POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AGRICULTURAL AREA IN IRAN, THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT IRAN-UNITED STATES PRIVATE AND/OR PUBLIC BODY WILL BE PURSUED AND US EXPERTISE AND TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW WILL BE UTILIZED TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT. THIS AREA WILL BE DEVELOPED IN ORDER TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION FOR THE REGION AND PROVIDE A DEMONSTRATION AREA FOR AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY.

DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AND WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE WORKED OUT BY THE JOINT AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE  
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AND THE JOINT ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE APPROVAL BY THE JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION.

2- THE JOINT AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE DECIDED TO CONSIDER, IN CONCERT WITH THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND FINANCE, THE POSSIBILITY OF US PRIVATE PARTICIPATION IN CONSTRUCTION OF PORT FACILITIES FOR DISEMBARKATION OF FEED AND AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND PROVISION OF A COMPLEX CONSISTING OF FEED MILL, OIL EXTRACTION UNIT, BROILER

AND EGG PRODUCTION UNITS, DISTRIBUTION AND COLD STORAGE FACILITIES AND OTHER RELATED AGRO-INDUSTRIES WHICH WOULD SERVE THE DEMANDS OF IRANIAN CONSUMERS AS WELL AS THOSE IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

3- IN ORDER TO ASSURE IRAN'S ACCESS TO FOOD AND FEED SUPPLIES AND AGRICULTURAL INPUTS FROM THE UNITED STATES:

A. BOTH PARTIES AGREED TO AN EXCHANGE ON A REGULAR BASIS, OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC INFORMATION, INCLUDING FORWARD ESTIMATES ON SUPPLY AND DEMAND, AND TRADE FOR MAJOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

B. THE UNITED STATES WILL ENCOURAGE THE CONCLUSION OF LONG-TERM PURCHASING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PRIVATE US EXPORTERS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND CONCERNED IRANIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES AND WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO FACILITATE THE EXPORT OF SUCH COMMODITIES TO IRAN.

C. THE UNITED STATES PARTY DECLARED ITS INTENTION TO ASSURE THAT IRANIAN PUBLIC AND/OR PRIVATE ENTERPRISES PURCHASE AGRICULTUREAL COMMODITIES AND FOOD ITEMS FROM US MARKET, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

D. THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO ENCOURAGE ITS PRIVATE SECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY TO IRAN OF AGRICULTURE INPUTS SUCH AS IMPROVED SEED, FERTILIZER, PESTICIDES AND INSECTICIDES.

E. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE, A PERMANANT WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE WILL BE ESTABHISHED WHICH WILL MEET NOT LESS THAN ONCE A YEAR FOR CONSULTATION ON THE AGRICULTURAL TRADE BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

4- IRAN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO INVEST IN AGRICULTURAL VENTURES OF THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY IN ON-GOING AND OPERATIONAL US AGRICULTURAL FIRMS AND ENTERPRISES.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE UNTITED STATES WILL ENCOURAGE ITS PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL FIRMS AND ENTERPRISES TO PARTICIPATE AND INVEST IN IRAN'S AGRICULTURAL VENTURES AND WILL TAKE ALL APPROP-  
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RIATE STEPS TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH PROJECTS.

LIKEWISE THE US PARTY AGREED TO TAKE MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE US PRIVATE SECTOR TO ENTER INTO JOING IRAN-US AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT VENTURES IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

A TEAM OF IRANIAN AND US EXPERTS AND AUTHORITIES REPRESENTING THE JOING AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE AND THE JOINT ECONOMY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF SUCH INVESTMENTS.

5- AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BY BOTH DELEGATIONS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO PROVIDE IRAN WITH DATA AND INFORMATION FROM SATELLITES AND PROCESSING FACILITIES IN THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC AREAS NAMELY: DATA GATHERING SYSTEMS, DATA TRANSMISSION AND COMMUNICATION, DATA PROCESSING AND TRAINING.

A TEAM OF IRANIAN EXPERTS WILL VISIT THE UNITED STATES SOON AFTER APPROVAL BY THE JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMISSION TO CARRY OUT THE DETAILS OF SUCH A PROGRAM. THE US SIDE OF THE JOINT AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE, IN COOPERATION WITH THE US SIDE OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION WILL ARRANGE WITH NASA AND OTHER AGENCIES FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT.

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6- BOTH PARTIES AGREED THAT THE PRESENT LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN IRAN'S MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHOULD BE CONTINUED AND EXPANDED TO PROVIDE IRAN WITH US AGRICULTURAL EXPERTISE AND TECHNICIANS IN RESEARCH AND AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS.

7- THE DELEGATIONS AGREED ON EXTENSIVE COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH WITH EMPHASIS ON (A) DEVELOPING AND IMPROVING ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND CENTERS, (B) EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH INFORMATION BETWEEN IRANIAN AND

AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTERS AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN IRANIAN INFORMATION CENTER TO MAKE INFORMATION FROM LIBRARY AND RELATED MATERIALS READILY AVAILABLE TO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SCIENTISTS AND (C) IMPROVING TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF RESEARCH PROGRAMS.

AREAS TO BE COVERED WOULD BE BROAD WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING:

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- IMPROVED PRODUCTION AND CULTURAL PRACTICES REQUIRED TO INCREASE CROP YIELDS, OUTPUT OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS AND EFFICIENCY OF PRODUCTION.
- RESEARCH ON CROP PESTS AND DISEASES.
- VETERINARY RESEARCH TO IMPROVE ABILITY TO CONTROL ANIMAL DISEASES AND PARASITES.
- RESEARCH ON IMPROVED MARKETING AND PROCESSING PROCEDURES FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO INCREASE CONSUMER SATISFACTION AND SAFETY.
- EXPLORATIONS OF FEASIBILITY OF NEWER TECHNIQUES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AQUACULTURE AND HYDROPONICS UNDER IRANIAN CONDITIONS.

- BOTH PARTIES AGREED ON A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE:

- A. ANIMAL DISEASE ERADICATION AND CONTROL
- B. PEST CONTROL
- C. FOOD STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES
- D. MEAT PROCESSING AND MARKETING
- E. EXTENSION SERVICE
- F. SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT, AND IRRIGATION
- G. FOREST AND RANGE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
- H. WATER DESALINIZATION

9- AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO ENCOURAGE JOINT INVESTMENT IN FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND ALSO IN PRODUCTION OF FARM MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT AND IMPLEMENTS IN IRAN. THIS SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND FINANCE.

10- US DELEGATION AGREED TO CONSIDER ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION IN ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX IN ONE OF THE ARID REGIONS OF IRAN. DETAILS OF SUCH COOPERATION WILL BE WORKED OUT BY A TEAM OF EXPERTS OF BOTH PARTIES.

11- BOTH PARTIES CONSIDER AS A HIGH PRIORITY THE IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION OF IRAN'S IMPROVED SEED INDUSTRY. THE US DELEGATION AGREED TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE PROGRAM.

12- THE US PARTY AGREED TO ASSIST IRAN WITH MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMS. THIS HOWEVER WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON MANPOWER AND TECHNOLOGY.

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SPECIAL MANPOWER TRAINING NEEDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. GRADUATE TRAINING IN VARIOUS AGRICULTURAL FIELDS, LIVESTOCK, CROPS, GENETICS, AGRICULTURAL BIOCHEMISTRY, AGRONOMY, IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE, ECONOMICS, RURAL SOCIOLOGY, ENTOMOLOGY, FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING.
- B. TRAINING IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, FIELD AND OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING WATER CONSERVATION AND IRRIGATION PRACTICES, ADMINISTRATION AT VARIOUS LEVELS, MARKETING FACILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, FOOD PROCESSING, INSPECTION SERVICES, GRADING AND STANDARDIZING AND PROJECT EVALUATION.
- C. TRAINING OF IRANIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCHES IN US RESEARCH CENTERS.
- D. PROVISION OF SHORT TERM AND RESIDENT SCIENTISTS FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH WORKS AT THE POST GRADUATE INSTITUTE ATTACHED TO THE IRANIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION.
- E. TRAINING IN FERTILIZER MARKETING, USE AND RESEARCH.

THE US PARTY AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES OF USDA TO IRAN TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF THIS PROGRAM WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH.

13- IT WAS AGREED BY BOTH PARTIES THAT COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS COULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE FIELD OF FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- A. FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR APPLICATION OF LIQUID FERTILIZERS AND BULK DISTRIBUTION.
- B. ASSISTANCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON:
  - FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDES HANDLING AND DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY.
  - FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE COMMODITIES
  - REGIONAL AND WORLD-WIDE PRODUCTION, USE AND GENERAL SITUATION
  - PRODUCTION AND TESTING OF NEW FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDE MATERIALS.

14- THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SHALL COME INTO FORCE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE IRAN-US MINISTERIAL COMMISSION. THE NEXT SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE WILL BE HELD IN JUNE 1975 IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

15- THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTAND WAS SIGNED IN TEHRAN ON FEBRUARY 5, 1975.

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